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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): METHOD OF PRODUCING TREAD FOR TIRE
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- Formal drawings (Figs. 1-5; 5 sheets) are attached.
 Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- This patent application is assigned to BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION.
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
- An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.
- Priority of foreign applications No. 2000-219191 filed July 19, 2000 in Japan and No. 2001-156360 filed May 25, 2001 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §19).
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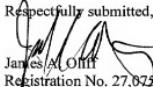
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